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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Raymond E. Lisle, Country Director of Eastern Europe, Bureau of European Affairs, Department of State, concerning IR 67-2, "The Yugoslav Economic System on the Treadmill of Reform"

1. A copy of subject paper was sent to Mr. Lisle on 20 February. The purpose was to secure Mr. Lisle's comments on the advisability of issuing the paper in the ORR unclassified series. Mr. Lisle gave me his views in a telephone conversation today.
2. Mr. Lisle said that he had read the paper generally, and had given it to Dudley Miller and Bill Turpin to read more carefully. They had found the paper interesting and well worth while. They had some substantive problems with it, but these were not too serious. For example, they felt that the paper used as a model a market economy which does not exist anywhere, even in the U.S.
3. Mr. Lisle felt that it would be well worth while, under normal conditions, to distribute the paper on an unclassified basis to a wide range of academic customers. He felt that at the present time, however, such a move would be a bit doubtful. He felt that it was wise to de-emphasize unclassified reports which, like this one, had certain policy implications. He felt that the paper could be attacked as an attempt to influence domestic policy, and that it was better to lie low. He suggested that perhaps at a later time an updated version of the paper might be suitable for unclassified distribution.
4. I told Mr. Lisle that we appreciated his comments, and that some of our own doubts, as he knew, had led us to seek his views. I told him that in view of what we had said, I was sure that we would issue the report on a classified basis.
5. At one point, Mr. Lisle suggested the possibility of unattributed publication. I told him I had not thought about this possibility, but that some objections to it were: dissemination to our regular list of recipients would suggest to the latter who had produced the paper, and we might be accused, a la Fulbright, of attempting to say some things about Yugoslavia without revealing to the reader that we were the authors of the paper. Lisle agreed.

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